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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 118G and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, as amended, a public hearing will be held Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. at the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy ("Division"), 2 Boylston Street, 5th floor, Boston, MA relative to the adoption of amendments to:

114.3 CMR 39.00: Rehabilitation Clinic Services, Audiological Services, Restorative Services

The proposed amendments, effective June 15, 2009, add licensed hearing instrument specialists as eligible providers of audiological services and allow them to bill for their services. The proposed amendments are consistent with recent changes to the MassHealth Hearing Instrument Specialist program regulation, 130 CMR 416.000, which permit licensed hearing instrument specialists to provide and bill for audiological evaluations and related hearing testing services. Previously, MassHealth regulations only permitted audiologists to provide and bill for these services. Additionally, the amendments make a technical correction to the numbering of procedure code V5011 (fitting/checking hearing aids).

The Division is proposing these amendments to ensure that these services and rates are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. No fiscal impact on MassHealth and other governmental purchasers, including cities and towns, is expected as a result of this proposal.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments on these amendments. All persons desiring to be heard on this matter are hereby notified to appear at the designated time and place. Persons intending to speak will be afforded an early opportunity to testify if the Division receives notice by 5 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2009. All others will be heard subsequently. Written comments may be sent to the Division at Two Boylston Street, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02116.

Copies of the regulation are available for inspection and/or purchase at the Division, Two Boylston Street, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02116 or you can access them free of charge in the Regulations section of the Division's web site located at www.mass.gov/dhcfp.